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In re Appln. of: Masaaki FUKUMOTO  
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Appln. No.: 10/521,602

Int'l Filing Date: July 17, 2003

For: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION APPARATUS  
AND ELECTRODE LAYOUT METHOD

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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Attorney Docket No: 9683/227

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Copy of International Search Report, Form PTO-1449, 4 Cited References (A1-4)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

FOREIGN DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
H10-229357 A	08/25/1998	Japan
2001-352299 A	12/21/2001	Japan
2001-298425 A	10/26/2001	Japan
2001-298435 A	10/26/2001	Japan

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References A1-A3 were cited in the International Search Report issued in PCT/JP03/09081, from which the present application has been nationalized. References A1-A4 are all in Japanese. For each of references A1 and A4, Applicants are submitting an English abstract. For each of references A2 and A3, Applicants are submitting a partial translation and a concise explanation of the relevancy.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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	A3	2001-298425 A	10/26/2001	Japan		Yes
	A4	2001-298435 A	10/26/2001	Japan		Abstract
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**OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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